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Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, Applicants herewith submit forms PTO-1449 (2 pages), which lists references cited in the International Search Report (ISR) dated May 24, 2005, International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) dated September 23, 2005 and of which Applicants are aware of for the application. A copy of the ISR and IPER are enclosed herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the documents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

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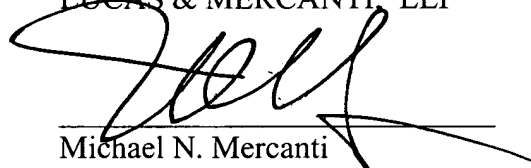
Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

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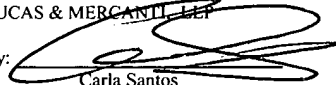
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